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**SALEM COUNTY WELCOMES NANCY C. GERRITY
AS NEW PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER**

(SALEM, NJ) – Freeholder Director Lee R. Ware and Freeholder Dale A. Cross, Chair of the Public Health Committee, today announced that Nancy C. Gerrity has been hired as Salem County's Public Health Officer. Ms. Gerrity replaces Herbert Roeschke, who retired in 2010.

"In the interim, Virginia Preesada from Gloucester County filled the position so there was no disruption of services," said Director Ware. "She did a great job and we appreciate her helping us out during the search and time of transition. We are excited about this new chapter for our Health Department."

Ms. Gerrity previously served as the Public Health Nursing Director of the Camden County Health Department. There she was responsible for oversight of public health nursing programs which included specialty clinics, special child health services, adult health services, and the non-public school health program. Ms. Gerrity also has extensive experience in emergency preparedness for bioterrorism and other public health threats and emergencies.

"Ms. Gerrity is a highly qualified individual with a Master of Science Degree in Nursing from the University of Pennsylvania," said Freeholder Cross. "The Public Health Officer is a very important position for the people of Salem County and her experience will be a tremendous asset in helping to ensure the health and safety of our residents."

The duties of the Salem County Public Health Officer include communicable disease prevention and control, sanitation measures and inspections, child health and immunizations, and inspection of food and drug establishments. For information about the Public Health Department and its services call (856) 935-7510 x 8625.